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Applicant: Antonio Muñoz-Escalona ) Re: Information Disclosure  
Lafuente, et al. ) Statement  
Serial No.: 09/299,539 ) Group: 1755  
Filing Date: 04/26/99 )  
For: "CATALYTIC SYSTEMS FOR THE )  
POLYMERIZATION AND COPOLYMERIZA- )  
TION OF ALPHA-OLEFINS" ) Date: November 3, 1999

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the next Office Action.

We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

European Patent Document Nos. 0293815, 0757053, and 0372414 are in German. A concise English-language explanation of the relevance of European Document No. 0293815 can be found in lines 19-21 on page 1 of the Applicants' U.S. Application No. 09/299,539 and is further set forth below:

European Document No. 0293815 discloses a process wherein a metallocene is covalently bonded to the support surface.

A concise English-language explanation of the relevance of European Document No. 0757053 can be found in lines 22-24 on page 1 of the Applicants' U.S. Application No. 09/299,539.

A concise English-language explanation of the relevance of European Document No. 0372414 is set forth below:

European Document No. 0372414 discloses metallocenes having a hydrocarbon group containing a double bond linked to the  $\eta^5$  ligand.

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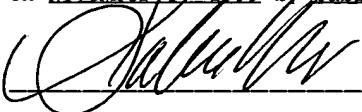
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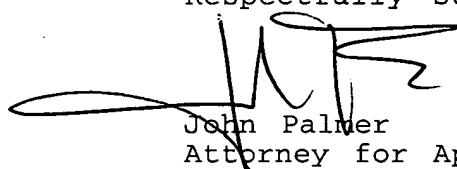
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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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